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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Anthony Marple, Director, MaineCare Services

SUBJECT: Final Rule: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 6, Assisted Living

Services.

This letter gives notice of a final repeal of a rule for MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 6, Assisted Living Services. In this rulemaking, the Department eliminated services provided under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 6, Assisted Living Services.

The Department has determined that it is necessary to repeal these rules because these services were never approved as MaineCare services by CMS. Section 6 assisted living services will no longer be provided under MaineCare as of July 1, 2009.

The members currently receiving Assisted Living services will receive required notification of the discontinuation of these services and will receive an eligibility determination to assess what benefits and services they remain eligible for. Most will be eligible for MaineCare services under Section 96, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services. The Department has worked with residents to assess their needs and inform them of available services. The Department is also working with providers to enroll them as personal care service providers should they choose to deliver this service.

Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website at

http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/provider_rules_policies.html or, for a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of rules by calling 207-287-9368. For those who are deaf or hard of hearing and have a TTY machine, the TTY number is 1-800-423-4331.

A copy of the public comments and Department responses can be viewed at and printed from the Office of MaineCare Services website or obtained by calling 207-287-9368 or TTY: (207) 287-1828 or 1-800-423-4331.

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Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare Services

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 6, Assisted Living Services

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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